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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Economic Circulars by State and the Incorporation of the Information into the Foreign Service Manual

1. [] called and advised that the Department of State (REP) has discontinued Economic Circular-34, classified secret, and containing economic intelligence requirements. These requirements, verbatim, will be incorporated into sub-chapter 220 of the Foreign Service Manual -- unclassified -- in a section controlled as "official use only." [] said he had discussed his objections with Harold E. Hall of REP and [] of ORR requirements staff. Hall indicated that the question was for State to decide. [] indicated his objections were to the unilateral down-grading of inter-agency requirements and to the unilateral changing of the procedure for levying requirements from the more feasible method to the more rigid Foreign Service Manual. [] pointed out that certain of the economic intelligence requirements revealed the direction and scope of US economic intelligence interest and in certain instances would reveal operational interest. He asked me what I thought he should do.

2. I advised [] to dictate his information into written draft, consult his division chief, [] and discuss the problem with [] shop (and the EIC requirements sub-committee secretary). I suggested that it might be advisable to call this matter to the attention of the EIC Sub-committee on Requirements for open discussion. It would seem to me that this problem might be resolved at that level; if not, it can go to the EIC level and on up.

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